

# Office of Public Defense

RCW 2.70

Request	\$85,198,000	
Net change from current biennium	\$14,867,804	Increase
Percent change from current biennium	21.1%	Increase

The Office of Public Defense is an independent judicial branch agency that implements the constitutional and statutory right to counsel. The Office of Public Defense Advisory Committee is composed of legislators, judicial representatives, attorneys, county and city representatives, and lay persons.

The office is charged with administering state funds for trial court criminal indigent defense under chapter 10.101 RCW; appellate indigent defense, representation of indigent parents in dependency and termination cases under RCW 13.34.090 and 13.34.092; representation of indigent respondents in civil commitment cases under chapter 71.09 RCW; and with ensuring effective and efficient services and providing oversight and technical assistance for these programs. In addition, the Office of Public Defense administers extraordinary criminal justice cost petitions pursuant to RCW 43.330.190 and compiles copies of DNA test requests in accordance with RCW 10.73.170. The office also recommends criteria and standards for determining indigency and collects information and reports annually on indigent defense services funded by the state.

## Agency Mission

The Office of Public Defense's duties are to implement the constitutional and statutory guarantees of counsel and to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of indigent defense services funded by the state.

## Agency Level Summary

### Operating Budget: Summary

2013-15 Appropriations		Appropriated Funds	Expenditures		
Amount	Estimated Balance		2011-13 Actual	2013-15 Estimated	2015-17 Proposed
66,387,000	8,804	General Fund - Basic Account - State	54,157,455	66,378,196	81,550,000
304,000		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal		304,000	
		General Fund - Basic Account - Federal Unanticipated	4,385		
3,648,000		Judicial Stabilization Trust Acct - State	4,356,356	3,648,000	3,648,000
70,339,000	8,804	Total Appropriated Funds	58,518,196	70,330,196	85,198,000

### Operating Budget: Change from Preceding Biennium

	2011-13 Actual		2013-15 Estimated		2015-17 Proposed	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Total	5,791,618	11.0%	11,812,000	20.2%	14,867,804	21.1%

### Employment Summary

	2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Estimated	2014-15 Estimated	2015-16 Proposed	2016-17 Proposed
FTE Staff Years	13.0	14.3	16.0	17.3	17.0